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The SPECTATOR.

—Urit grata protervitas
Et vultus nimium lubricus aſpici. Hor.

Wedneſday, October 24. 1711.

…m not at all diſpleaſed that I am become the …Courier of Love, and that the Diſtreſſed in …Paſſion convey their Complaints to each …other by my Means. The following Letters …lately come to my Hands, and ſhall have their …with great Willingneſs. As to the Reader's …ſentiment, he will, I hope, forgive the inſert… …Particulars as to him may perhaps ſeem fri… …but are to the Perſons who wrote them of the …Conſequence. I ſhall not trouble you with …Notices, Compliments, and Apologies made to …me each Epiſtle when it was deſired to be …; but in general they tell me, that the Per… …om they are addreſſed have Intimations, …and Alluſions in them, from whence they …

To the Sothades.

…HE Word by which I addreſs you, gives you …who underſtand *Portugueſe* a lively Image …the tender Regard I have for you. The SPEC…'s late Letter from *Statira* gave me the Hint …the ſame Method of explaining my ſelf to …. I am not affronted at the Deſign your late …viour diſcovered you had in your Addreſſes …, but I impute it to the Degeneracy of the …rather than your particular Fault. As I aim …nothing more than being yours, I am willing to …a ſtranger to your Name, your Fortune, or a… …figure which your Wife might expect to make …the World, provided my Commerce with you …ve to be a guilty one. I reſign gay Dreſs, the …raſſe of Viſits, Equipage, Plays, Balls, and O…ras, for that one Satisfaction of having you for …r friend. I am willing you ſhall induſtriouſly …ceal the only Cauſe of Triumph which I can …ow in this Life. I wiſh only to have it my Du…, as well as my Inclination, to ſtudy your Hap…neſs. If this has not the Effect this Letter …ms to aim at, you are to underſtand that I had …Mind to be rid of you, and took the readieſt …y to nail you with an Offer of what you would …ver deſiſt purſuing while you received ill Uſage. …a true Man; be my Slave while you doubt me, …d neglect me when you think I love you. I de… …you to find out what is your preſent Circum…nce with me; but I know while I can keep this …ſecret,

I am your admired
Bellinda.

Madam,

'IT is a ſtrange State of Mind a Man is in, when 'the very Imperfections of a Woman he loves 'turn into Excellencies and Advantages. I do aſ'ſure you I am very much afraid of venturing up'on you. I now like you in ſpite of my Reaſon, 'and think it an ill Circumſtance to owe one's Hap'pineſs to nothing but Infatuation. I can ſee you 'ogle all the young Fellows who look at you, and 'obſerve your Eye wander after new Conqueſts e'very Moment you are in a publick Place; and yet 'there is ſuch a Beauty in all your Looks and Ge'ſtures, that I cannot but admire you in the very 'Act of endeavouring to gain the Hearts of others. 'My Condition is the ſame with that of the Lover 'in the Way of the World. I have ſtudied your 'Faults ſo long, that they are become as familiar 'to me, and I like them as well as I do my own. 'Look to it, Madam, and conſider whether you think 'this gay Behaviour will appear to me as amiable 'when an Husband, as it does now to me a Lover. 'Things are ſo far advanced, that we muſt proceed; 'and I hope you will lay it to Heart, that it will 'be becoming in me to appear ſtill your Lover, but 'not in you to be ſtill my Miſtreſs. Gaiety in the 'Matrimonial Life is graceful in one Sex, but excep'tionable in the other. As you improve theſe little 'Hints, you will aſcertain the Happineſs or Uneaſi'neſs of,

Madam,
Your moſt obedient,
Moſt humble Servant,
T. D.

SIR,

'WHEN I ſat at the Window, and you at the 'other End of the Room by my Couſin, I 'ſaw you catch me looking at you. Since you have 'the Secret at laſt, which I am ſure you ſhould ne'ver have known but by Inadvertency, what my 'Eyes ſaid was true. But it is too ſoon to confirm 'it with my Hand, therefore ſhall not ſubſcribe my 'Name.

SIR,

'THERE were other Gentlemen nearer, and I 'know no Neceſſity you were under to take 'up that ſlippant Creature's Fan laſt Night; but 'you ſhall never touch a Stick of mine more that's 'pos. *Phillis.*

To

To Collonel R——s in Spain.

'BEfore this can reach the beſt of Husbands and 'the fondeſt Lover, thoſe tender Names will 'be no more of Concern to me. The Indiſpoſition 'in which you, to obey the Dictates of your Ho-'nour and Duty, left me, has encreaſed upon me; 'and I am acquainted by my Phyſicians I cannot 'live a Week longer. At this time my Spirits fail 'me; and it is the ardent Love I have for you 'that carries me beyond my Strength, and enables 'me to tell you the moſt painful thing in the Pro-'ſpect of Death, is, that I muſt part with you. 'But let it be a Comfort to you, that I have no 'Guilt hangs upon me, no unrepented Folly that 'retards me; but I paſs away my laſt Hours in 'Reflexion upon the Happineſs we have lived in 'together, and in Sorrow that it is ſo ſoon to have 'an End. This is a Frailty which I hope is ſo far 'from criminal, that, methinks, there is a kind 'of Piety in being ſo unwilling to be ſeparated 'from a State which is the Inſtitution of Heaven, 'and in which we have lived according to its Laws. 'As we know no more of the next Life, but that 'it will be an happy one to the Good, and miſe-'rable to the Wicked, why may we not pleaſe our 'ſelves at leaſt to alleviate the Difficulty of reſign-'ing this Being, in imagining that we ſhall have 'a Senſe of what paſſes below, and may poſſibly 'be imployed in guiding the Steps of thoſe with 'whom we walked with Innocence when mortal? 'Why may not I hope to go on in my uſual Work, 'and, though unknown to you, be aſſiſtant in all 'the Conflicts of your Mind? Give me Leave to 'ſay to you, Oh beſt of Men, that I cannot figure 'to my ſelf a greater Happineſs than in ſuch an 'Employment: To be preſent at all the Adven-'tures to which humane Life is expoſed, to admi-'niſter Slumber to thy Eyelids in the Agonies of a 'Fever, to cover thy beloved Face in the Day of 'Battle, to go with thee a Guardian Angel incapa-'ble of Wound or Pain, where I have longed to 'attend thee when a weak a fearful Woman. 'Theſe, my Dear, are the Thoughts with which I 'warm my poor languid Heart; but indeed I am 'not capable under my preſent Weakneſs of bear-'ing the ſtrong Agonies of Mind I fall into, when 'I form to my ſelf the Grief you will be in upon 'your firſt hearing of my Departure. I will not 'dwell upon this, becauſe your kind and generous 'Heart will be but the more afflicted, the more the 'Perſon for whom you lament offers you Conſola-'tion. My laſt Breath will, if I am my ſelf, ex-'pire in a Prayer for you. I ſhall never ſee thy 'Face again: Farewell for ever.

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